

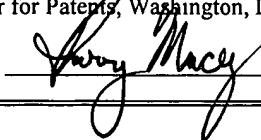
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In re Application of:

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Serial No.: 09/686,004

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Title: MINIMALLY INVASIVE VALVE
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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.97 and § 1.98, applicants submit for consideration in the above-identified application the documents listed on the attached Form PTO-1449. Copies of the documents are submitted herewith. The Examiner is requested to make these documents of record.

This Information Disclosure Statement is submitted:

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Applicants would appreciate the Examiner initialing and returning the Form PTO-1449, indicating that the information has been considered and made of record herein.

Applicants further bring the attention of the Examiner to the following co-owned pending patent applications:

U.S. Serial No. 09/090,305 filed June 3, 1998 and the related continuation application

Serial No. 10/364,064 filed February 10, 2003

U.S. Serial No. 09/089,884 filed June 3, 1998

U.S. Serial No. 10/188,013 filed July 1, 2002, which is a continuation of Serial No.

09/259,705, now U.S. Patent No. 6,514,265

U.S. Serial No. 09/260,623 filed March 1, 1999 and the related continuation application

Serial No. 10/208,405

U.S. Serial No. 09/686,729 filed October 10, 2000

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Respectfully submitted,

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